

debate and effort, Congress authorized the National Liberty Memorial.

The National Liberty Memorial will serve as an important remembrance. I am very pleased that we are able to consider this bill today. When Congress authorizes the establishment of a memorial in Washington, D.C., it then takes years of planning to select a design and location. Fortunately, for the Liberty Memorial, a site has been selected. One of the last hurdles is approval from Congress, and with the adoption of H.J. Res. 120, that is why and what we are here to do today.

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Getting this far would not have been possible without the hard work and dedication of the bill's sponsor, Representative BUTTERFIELD from North Carolina. I would like to thank him and congratulate him for his work and look forward to soon visiting the new National Liberty Memorial.

We support this legislation and thank the majority for bringing it up for consideration. With that, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, I yield as much time as he may consume to the gentleman from North Carolina (Mr. BUTTERFIELD), the sponsor of the legislation.

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. First, I want to thank you, Mr. LOWENTHAL, for those kind words and thank you for your leadership. Thank you for yielding time today and for working very hard to bring this important resolution to the House floor. I also appreciate the work of the Natural Resources Committee chairman, DOC HASTINGS, and Ranking Member PETE DEFAZIO, and you, Mr. YOUNG, for considering this resolution expeditiously and for seeing that it was favorably reported by the committee.

Also, let me thank Senator CHRIS MURPHY from Connecticut, who used to serve in this body and now serves in the United States Senate, for introducing a companion bill in the Senate. His support is critical, and I thank him for his commitment to this important issue. I hope that the Senate will act as expeditiously and in as bipartisan a fashion as has the House of Representatives.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of House Joint Resolution 120, a bill that I introduced that will formally approve the location that was selected by the Administrator of the General Services Administration of a memorial that will recognize the thousands of slaves and free persons of color, or as historians sometimes refer to, free Negroes, who fought for independence during the American Revolution.

Federal law requires, Mr. Speaker, that the location for the memorial identified by the Administrator of GSA be formally approved by Congress within 150 days of receiving the recommendation by the GSA Administrator.

The memorial that will eventually be constructed to honor tens of thousands of slaves and free people of color who helped to secure American independence during the Revolution will be a fitting tribute to their heroic actions that helped shape the very foundation of our Nation.

For generations, historians estimated that at least 5,000 African Americans—both slave and free—fought for American independence. Revised estimates now show more than 10,000 brave men joined the fight. At least 252 of these patriots came from North Carolina, and at least 109 of those came from my congressional district, the counties of Bertie, Chowan, Craven, Edgecombe, Franklin, Granville, Halifax, Hertford, Northampton, Pasquotank, and Perquimans.

The president general of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution wrote of the brave souls who fought for freedom when they themselves were not free that “they deserve special recognition in order to help better educate our country.”

In 2008, the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution published landmark research containing the names and communities of these African American patriots. The research is continuously updated with the discovery of new heroes. Scores of African American men and women have been accepted by heritage societies that had not been previously open to their membership.

The desire to honor these brave men and their descendants in a permanent and meaningful way had long been championed by a distinguished Member of this body who has since passed away, Congressman Donald Payne, Sr. Congressman Payne introduced authorizing language as far back as 2005. After Congressman Payne's death, I have worked to get this effort to the finish line, guided by his words that “this memorial is an important chapter in the reclamation of African American history.”

There are over 2 million descendants of these Revolutionary War patriots nationwide. This eventual memorial will show the Nation, and it will show the world, Mr. Speaker, that the sacrifices and heroic efforts of African Americans—both slave and free—who took up arms to secure America's independence are not forgotten. It will permanently affirm what we know to be true: these patriots and their service to our then-infant Nation will forever be of preeminent historical and lasting significance to our country that they fought to create.

Again, I thank you for the time, Mr. LOWENTHAL.

Mr. YOUNG of Alaska. Mr. Speaker, I have no further speakers, and I yield back the balance of my time.

Mr. LOWENTHAL. Mr. Speaker, again, I want to thank Representative BUTTERFIELD from North Carolina for helping us get this across the finish line.

We are really going to honor these brave Americans, both slaves and free blacks, who fought for American independence, and I think this is a wonderful bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Alaska (Mr. YOUNG) that the House suspend the rules and pass the joint resolution, H.J. Res. 120.

The question was taken; and (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the joint resolution was passed.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 6:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 6 o'clock and 5 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. HOLDING) at 6 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, proceedings will resume on motions to suspend the rules previously postponed.

Votes will be taken in the following order:

H.R. 5089, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 5019, by the yeas and nays;

H.R. 4283, by the yeas and nays.

The first electronic vote will be conducted as a 15-minute vote. Remaining electronic votes will be conducted as 5-minute votes.

SERGEANT FIRST CLASS DANIEL M. FERGUSON POST OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5089) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 2000 Mulford Road in Mulberry, Florida, as the “Sergeant First Class Daniel M. Ferguson Post Office”, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 401, nays 0, not voting 30, as follows:

[Roll No. 481]

YEAS—401

Aderholt Duncan (SC) Kingston
 Amash Duncan (TN) Kinzinger (IL)
 Amodei Edwards Kirkpatrick
 Bachus Ellison Kline
 Barber Ellmers Kuster
 Barletta Engel Labrador
 Barr Enyart LaMalfa
 Barrow (GA) Eshoo Lamborn
 Barton Esty Lance
 Bass Farenthold Farenthold
 Beatty Farr Farr
 Becerra Fattah Fattah
 Benishek Fincher Fincher
 Bentivolio Fitzpatrick Fitzpatrick
 Bera (CA) Fleischmann Fleischmann
 Bilirakis Fleming Fleming
 Bishop (NY) Flores Flores
 Black Forbes Forbes
 Blackburn Fortenberry Fortenberry
 Blumenauer Foster Foster
 Bonamici Foxx Foxx
 Boustany Frankel (FL) Frankel (FL)
 Brady (PA) Franks (AZ) Franks (AZ)
 Brady (TX) Frelinghuysen Frelinghuysen
 Braley (IA) Fudge Fudge
 Bridenstine Gabbard Gabbard
 Brooks (AL) Gallego Gallego
 Brooks (IN) Garamendi Garamendi
 Broun (GA) Garcia Garcia
 Brown (FL) Gardner Gardner
 Brownley (CA) Garrett Garrett
 Buchanan Gerlach Gerlach
 Bucshon Gibbs Gibbs
 Burgess Gibson Gibson
 Bustos Gingrey (GA) Gingrey (GA)
 Butterfield Gohmert Gohmert
 Byrne Goodlatte Goodlatte
 Calvert Gosar Gosar
 Camp Gowdy Gowdy
 Campbell Granger Granger
 Capito Graves (GA) Graves (GA)
 Capps Graves (MO) Graves (MO)
 Capuano Grayson Grayson
 Cardenas Green, Al Green, Al
 Carney Green, Gene Green, Gene
 Carson (IN) Griffin (AR) Griffin (AR)
 Carter Griffith (VA) Griffith (VA)
 Cartwright Grimm Grimm
 Castor (FL) Guthrie Guthrie
 Castro (TX) Hahn Hahn
 Chabot Hall Hall
 Chaffetz Hanabusa Hanabusa
 Chu Hanna Hanna
 Cicilline Harper Harper
 Clawson (FL) Hartzler Hartzler
 Clay Hastings (FL) Hastings (FL)
 Cleaver Hastings (WA) Hastings (WA)
 Clyburn Heck (NV) Heck (NV)
 Coble Heck (WA) Heck (WA)
 Coffman Herrera Beutler Herrera Beutler
 Cohen Higgins Higgins
 Cole Himes Himes
 Collins (GA) Hinojosa Hinojosa
 Collins (NY) Holding Holding
 Conaway Holt Holt
 Connolly Honda Honda
 Conyers Horsford Horsford
 Cooper Hoyer Hoyer
 Costa Hudson Hudson
 Cotton Huelskamp Huelskamp
 Courtney Huffman Huffman
 Cramer Huizenga (MI) Huizenga (MI)
 Crawford Hultgren Hultgren
 Crenshaw Hunter Hunter
 Crowley Hurt Hurt
 Cuellar Israel Israel
 Culberson Issa Issa
 Cummings Jackson Lee Jackson Lee
 Daines Jeffries Jeffries
 Davis (CA) Jenkins Jenkins
 Davis, Danny Johnson (GA) Johnson (GA)
 Davis, Rodney Johnson (OH) Johnson (OH)
 DeFazio Johnson, E. B. Johnson, E. B.
 DeGette Johnson, Sam Johnson, Sam
 Delaney Jolly Jolly
 DeLauro Jones Jones
 DelBene Jordan Jordan
 Denham Joyce Joyce
 Dent Kaptur Kaptur
 DeSantis Keating Keating
 Deutch Kelly (PA) Kelly (PA)
 Diaz-Balart Kennedy Kennedy
 Doggett Kildee Kildee
 Doyle Kilmer Kilmer
 Duckworth Kind Kind
 Duffy King (NY) King (NY)

Polis Pompeio Pompeio
 Posey Price (GA) Price (GA)
 Price (NC) Price (NC)
 Quigley Kirkpatrick Kirkpatrick
 Rahall Rahall Rahall
 Rangel Rangel Rangel
 Reed Reed Reed
 Reichert Reichert Reichert
 Renacci Renacci Renacci
 Ribble Ribble Ribble
 Rice (SC) Sessions Sessions
 Richmond Richmond Richmond
 Rigell Sherman Sherman
 Roby Shimkus Shimkus
 Roe (TN) Shuster Shuster
 Rogers (AL) Simpson Simpson
 Rogers (KY) Sinema Sinema
 Rogers (MI) Sires Sires
 Rohrabacher Slaughter Slaughter
 Rokita Smith (MO) Smith (MO)
 Rooney Smith (NE) Smith (NE)
 Ros-Lehtinen Smith (NJ) Smith (NJ)
 Roskam Smith (TX) Smith (TX)
 Ross Smith (WA) Smith (WA)
 Rothfus Southland Southland
 Roybal-Allard Speier Speier
 Royce Stewart Stewart
 Runyan Stivers Stivers
 Ruppersberger Stockman Stockman
 Ryan (OH) Stutzman Stutzman
 Ryan (WI) Swailwell (CA) Swailwell (CA)
 Salmon Takano Takano
 Sanchez, Linda Terry Terry
 T. Thompson (CA) Thompson (CA)
 Sanchez, Loretta Thompson (MS) Thompson (MS)
 Sanford Thompson (PA) Thompson (PA)
 Sarbanes Thornberry Thornberry
 Scalise Tiberi Tiberi

NOT VOTING—30

Bachmann Gutierrez Gutierrez
 Bishop (GA) Nadler Nadler
 Bishop (UT) Harris Harris
 Cassidy Hensarling Hensarling
 Clark (MA) Kelly (IL) Kelly (IL)
 Clarke (NY) King (IA) King (IA)
 Cook Larson (CT) Larson (CT)
 DesJarlais Lee (CA) Lee (CA)
 Meng Meng Meng
 Miller, Gary Miller, Gary
 Grijalva Moran Moran
 Velázquez Velázquez

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Mr. PAYNE changed his vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So (two-thirds being in the affirmative) the rules were suspended and the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

SPECIALIST THEODORE MATTHEW GLENDE POST OFFICE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The unfinished business is the vote on the motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 5019) to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1335 Jefferson Road in Rochester, New York, as the “Specialist Theodore Matthew Glende Post Office”, on which the yeas and nays were ordered.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the motion offered by the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. COLLINS) that the House suspend the rules and pass the bill.

This is a 5-minute vote.

The vote was taken by electronic device, and there were—yeas 399, nays 0, not voting 32, as follows:

[Roll No. 482]

YEAS—399

Aderholt Duncan (TN) Kirkpatrick
 Amash Edwards Kline
 Amodei Ellison Kuster
 Bachus Labrador Labrador
 Barletta Engel LaMalfa
 Barr Enyart Lamborn
 Barrow (GA) Eshoo Lance
 Barton Esty Langevin
 Bass Farenthold Farenthold
 Beatty Farr Farr
 Becerra Fattah Fattah
 Benishek Fincher Fincher
 Bentivolio Fitzpatrick Fitzpatrick
 Bera (CA) Fleischmann Fleischmann
 Bilirakis Fleming Fleming
 Bishop (NY) Flores Flores
 Black Forbes Forbes
 Blackburn Fortenberry Fortenberry
 Blumenauer Foster Foster
 Bonamici Foxx Foxx
 Boustany Frankel (FL) Frankel (FL)
 Brady (PA) Franks (AZ) Franks (AZ)
 Brady (TX) Frelinghuysen Frelinghuysen
 Braley (IA) Fudge Fudge
 Bridenstine Gabbard Gabbard
 Brooks (AL) Gallego Gallego
 Brooks (IN) Garamendi Garamendi
 Broun (GA) Gardner Gardner
 Brown (FL) Garrett Garrett
 Brownley (CA) Gerlach Gerlach
 Buchanan Gibbs Gibbs
 Bucshon Gibson Gibson
 Burgess Gingrey (GA) Gingrey (GA)
 Bustos Gohmert Gohmert
 Butterfield Goodlatte Goodlatte
 Byrne Gosar Gosar
 Calvert Gowdy Gowdy
 Camp Granger Granger
 Campbell Graves (GA) Graves (GA)
 Capito Graves (MO) Graves (MO)
 Capps Grayson Grayson
 Capuano Green, Al Green, Al
 Cardenas Green, Gene Green, Gene
 Carney Griffin (AR) Griffin (AR)
 Carson (IN) Griffith (VA) Griffith (VA)
 Carter Grimm Grimm
 Cartwright Guthrie Guthrie
 Castor (FL) Hahn Hahn
 Castro (TX) Hall Hall
 Chabot Hanabusa Hanabusa
 Chaffetz Hanna Hanna
 Chu Harper Harper
 Cicilline Hartzler Hartzler
 Clawson (FL) Hastings (FL) Hastings (FL)
 Clay Hastings (WA) Hastings (WA)
 Cleaver Heck (NV) Heck (NV)
 Clyburn Heck (WA) Heck (WA)
 Coble Herrera Beutler Herrera Beutler
 Coffman Higgins Higgins
 Cohen Himes Himes
 Cole Hinojosa Hinojosa
 Collins (GA) Holding Holding
 Collins (NY) Holt Holt
 Conaway Honda Honda
 Connolly Horsford Horsford
 Conyers Hoyer Hoyer
 Cooper Hudson Hudson
 Costa Huelskamp Huelskamp
 Cotton Huffman Huffman
 Courtney Huizenga (MI) Huizenga (MI)
 Cramer Hultgren Hultgren
 Crawford Hunter Hunter
 Crenshaw Hurt Hurt
 Crowley Israel Israel
 Cuellar Issa Issa
 Culberson Jackson Lee Jackson Lee
 Cummings Jeffries Jeffries
 Daines Jenkins Jenkins
 Davis (CA) Johnson (GA) Johnson (GA)
 Davis, Danny Johnson (OH) Johnson (OH)
 Davis, Rodney Johnson, E. B. Johnson, E. B.
 DeFazio Johnson, Sam Johnson, Sam
 DeGette Jolly Jolly
 Delaney Jones Jones
 DeLauro Jordan Jordan
 DelBene Joyce Joyce
 Denham Keating Keating
 Dent Kelly (PA) Kelly (PA)
 DeSantis Kennedy Kennedy
 Deutch Kildee Kildee
 Diaz-Balart Kilmer Kilmer
 Doggett Kind Kind
 Doyle King (NY) King (NY)
 Duckworth Kingston Kingston
 Duffy Kinzinger (IL) Kinzinger (IL)